

REMARKS

Claims 1-95 are pending in the present application. Claims 19-95 are cancelled without prejudice based on an election/restriction requirement made in an Office action dated June 6, 2007, Claims 2, 4, and 5 are cancelled without prejudice, Claims 1, 3, and 12-18 are amended without prejudice, and Claims 96-100 are added without prejudice, thereby leaving Claims 1, 3, 6-18, and 96-100 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment. No new matter is introduced by any of the amendments made to the claims as the amendments are fully supported by the specification, drawings, and claims as originally filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

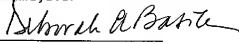
Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,570,552 to Nehring ("Nehring"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

To anticipate a claim, the prior art reference must teach each and every element of the claimed invention. Nehring does not teach all of the elements set forth in the claims currently presented. Accordingly, Nehring does not anticipate these claims. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims presented herein.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should stand allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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